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1. A new missile transporter, similar in appearance to the SS-11 transporter, was observed at Tyuratam ICBM Launch Test Site S5 [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] The transporter is [REDACTED] without the prime mover, 25X1
about 10 feet longer than the SS-11 transporter, and has a 75-foot long carrying bed. Support rails extend the entire length along each side of the transporter bed and are approximately [REDACTED] 25X1
2. The new transporter was also observed at Tyuratam ICBM Test Support Facility 7 [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED]. The transporter was partially canvas covered 25X1
and was parked in the SS-11/SS-19 ground support equipment parking area of the facility.
3. A possible damaged missile canister on a silo loader was also observed at the site [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] A bar was attached to one end of the canister. The other end of the canister was irregular 25X1
in shape and appeared to have been damaged. The canister was [REDACTED] 10 feet in diameter. 25X1
The 10-foot diameter is consistent with the diameter of the SS-11/SS-19 canister. This possible
damaged missile canister is too long, however, to be either an SS-11 canister or the [REDACTED] section 25X1
of the SS-19 canister.
4. The relationship of the new missile transporter to this SS-19 ICBM launch site is not clear at this time. There are several explanations possible. The transporter may be a discard, not related to any specific missile system, and used only in special circumstances. There are several transporters at Tyuratam which have never been associated with a specific missile system or function. This explanation is suggested by the presence at the site of the possible damaged missile canister.
5. The transporter could be for the SS-19 ICBM missile, which is launched from this type IIG site. However, if this is a new SS-19 transporter, it will be the first time the Soviets have introduced a new piece of handling equipment so late in a missile program. Further, the two sections of the SS-19 canister, [REDACTED] will not fit fully assembled 25X1
on this transporter without extending over the end of the transporter.
6. Another possible explanation for this transporter is that it may be for a new missile system, although there is no other supporting evidence that a new missile system is currently being developed at Tyuratam.

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